

## IN AND AROUND MONTANA

Various Interesting Topics Discussed by Live Montana Papers.

Con Kohrs, the Great Cattle King, Interviewed on the Stock Industry.

The Cattle Men Are Anxious to Keep the Crow Reservation Intact—Off for Alaska.

Hon. Conrad Kohrs is one of the best known men in Montana, as his brother, Henry Kohrs, is one of the most esteemed citizens of Davenport, says the Davenport Gazette of recent date. Both have been in the live stock business for years, though widely separated and in different directions. Henry is a pork packer and Conrad is a cattle king. He went to Montana, twenty-seven years ago; his home has been there ever since. He has been in Davenport for a day or two and leaves this evening for St. Louis to attend the silver convention, in which he is much interested. Large as the cattle interest is in Montana it is overshadowed by the mining industry, and of course the loyal Montana man is the open advocate of silver coinage and of the use of silver in all other ways. The mines out there are growing with rich silver ore.

Mr. Kohrs started in 1862 as a butcher, but he was built to be something more. He soon began to raise more cattle than he slaughtered, until now there are few men in the western country who have larger interests in that line. Personally, and as the representative of companies, Mr. Kohrs now controls 120,000 head of cattle. They are in fairly good condition, he says, for going through the winter. There was a good growth of grass last summer, and the cattle on the range are in better shape than they have been some other seasons.

The highest prices he ever realized for good cattle in the Chicago market was in 1882, when they brought in the Chicago market \$5.50 per 100 pounds. The worst of the year, when some sales were made in Chicago at \$2.50. Asked if the outlet would be much better next season, Mr. Kohrs said he did not expect to see much change. "There is lots of corn and lots of cattle in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Illinois and this will have its effect on our Montana herds," Mr. Kohrs remarked. He added: "It is a loss to sell our cattle for \$2.50 in this market though we have sold some this season for \$3.50 and that leaves a margin of profit."

"No stockman in Montana," Mr. Kohrs went on, "has made any money during the last four years. The winter of 1886-87 was the worst we ever saw out there. The average loss of the entire herd of Montana that winter, I think, was 25 per cent, or putting it in money value, not less than \$3,000,000. Of course the losses were not uniform all over the territory, for in some places they ran up to 50 per cent, almost wiping out the live stock, while in others they were more than 25 per cent, owing to more favorable conditions of shelter. Two seasons of drought, the one following the other, and then the heavy winter weather, were enough to make the stoniest herders lose courage."

Of the prospects for the next ten years, Mr. Kohrs did not speak with the greatest confidence. He thinks that the beef cattle interests may be decreased, as sheep and horses are getting into the country and these are not the friends of cattle. They are driving the cattle out. He estimates that there are in Montana to-day not very much more than 1,000,000 head of cattle, whereas three years since there were from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 head. The number is now increasing again. Last year probably 20,000 head were driven into Montana, and this year the number may run up to 300,000. The cattle imported came from Texas, Idaho and Washington.

It is proposed by several gentlemen to arrange for a survey of a line of railway from Billings a few miles north, believing that a more practical line can be located for the Billings-Benton road than that which was recently located by Engineer Harlowe, of the Northern Pacific. If, as stated, this end of the proposed route can be improved upon, says the Gazette, the city should take such steps as are necessary to raise the funds for the hire of a competent engineer to see what can be done to more firmly secure the line right into town whenever it is built. No one questions but what Mr. Harlowe, the gentleman who made the location of the road north, understands his business, but possibly he may have overlooked a certain lay of the land directly north of town and for this reason the ground should be gone over for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the easiest grade has been secured. The people have waited patiently a number of years for the building of the Billings and Benton railway and now that it is building, the sentiment appears a certainty the matter of the proper location within the town limits is of considerable importance. If, as stated, says the Gazette, the route selected by Mr. Harlowe can be improved upon for a few miles north, let the work be done and all information pertaining thereto be forwarded to the Northern Pacific headquarters.

While there have been steel rails on the Montana Union road from Butte to near Race Track heretofore, from that point to Garrison there have been only the old narrow gauge, light iron rails that had been re-rolled at Laramie before being used. They did not make a good track, especially for standard gauge track and the speed at which Montana Union trains go. Now, however, says the Butte Miner, this latter portion is being laid with sixty-pound steel rails, bearing the 1883 brand. The rails have already been distributed as far as Deer Lodge and the tracklayers began laying at the Mormon church last Thursday and had reached Pompey creek Monday morning. About fifty men are employed and they lay three-fourths of a mile daily. When they reach Deer Lodge it is probable they will return to lay some track "on the hill," after which they will resume on the line to Garrison. When the new rail is down every speed that is necessary can be made on the Montana Union.

It is widely reported that the stockmen who enjoy grazing privileges on the Crow reservation will enter a protest against any bill which may have as its object the reduction of the Crow Indian reservation. It is supposed that the object of the scheme to defend the will of the masses is to perpetuate leases and the avoidance of paying taxes for support of state and county governments. A law enacted attaching Indian reservations in Montana to adjoining counties for all purposes of government would, in our opinion, greatly lessen the opposition to it to enforce the payment of taxes on property which under the present laws cannot be reached.—Billings Gazette.

H. H. Wood and A. D. McKittick, of Pony, came in Monday to meet I. W. Swan on mining matters, says the Bozeman Courier, and while here placed their deed in escrow in the bank for Galena quartz mine, at Pony; consideration, \$50,000.

## AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Rev. Mr. Linley, of Billings, Preaches an Interesting Sermon.

Rev. Charles H. Linley, of Billings, preached an interesting and instructive sermon at St. Peter's church last evening. During his remarks he referred to the necessity of funds for the diocese and expressed the hope that the work would soon be completed. The text of the sermon was taken from St. Paul, 12, 1-2. Among other things Mr. Linley said: "Supposing that a clergyman said that he had received a commission from on high to preach to us, what would we think? Some would receive him in a credulous way and others might think there was a grain of truth in his announcement. What is the intention of the ministry? We are not left in doubt if we follow the teachings of our prayer book. Bishops, priests and deacons have been the three orders of the ministry since Christ's time. Was it unlikely that Christ would have appointed special men for his ministry? It would be impossible for the church to do a single thing without the aid of the ministry. He did exactly as we should have hoped when he called his ministers together. History tells us that these in turn bestowed the power conferred on them to others. We have met men who say 'I want the Bible, and the Bible only. I can get all the information and assistance out of that without your bishops and priests. Yes, we say, but do you know that the Christian world existed for several hundred years without a Bible.' The speaker here showed that the early Christian church had essentially the organization of bishops, priests and deacons. In following a guide to follow him because he is fitted for his vocation. He knows the way. In this jurisdiction of Montana we have twelve clergymen and one bishop. Shall we keep pace as a church with the development of this state. Mr. Linley concluded his sermon with an appeal for funds for the benefit of the diocese.

## PERSONAL.

Judge F. N. Cole of Butte, is in the city. W. J. McConnell arrived from Idaho yesterday.

William B. Fisher, of San Francisco, is in the city.

J. H. Chase, of Salt Lake City, is at the International.

John F. Martin, of Chicago, arrived in the city last night.

H. L. Lowndes, of Livingston, came in last evening.

W. L. Love, of Crow Creek, is paying a visit to the capital.

C. K. McDonald, of Spokane Falls, is at the Merchants.

C. W. Logan, of Bozeman, arrived in the city yesterday.

Mrs. A. B. Fairfield, of Grantsdale, is at the Grand Central.

Charles Williams, of Fort Benton, is a late arrival in the city.

J. A. McCauley, of Livingston, is a guest of the Cosmopolitan.

Hon. Frank G. Higgins of Missoula, is at the Grand Central.

Geo. E. Wentworth of Bismarck, is taking in the sights of the capital.

Capt. J. N. Ayres, of Mandan, N. D., is registered at the Merchants.

W. H. Tracy, of Bozeman, an old pioneer, is visiting the city for a few days.

James A. Murray, of the Butte capitalist and mining man, returned from the east yesterday.

Matt L. Berry, manager of the Katie Patterson company, is stopping at the Cosmopolitan.

Capt. Elias Merriman came in yesterday from Jefferson City and is stopping at the Grand Central.

Mrs. J. L. Bells left Helena on Saturday last for San Francisco and southern California, where she will spend the winter with her sister.

Diaries! Diaries! for 1890 in all styles of binding at Calkins & Feathery's.

The finest line of Christmas cards in the city is to be seen at The Bee Hive.

The Bee Hive has just received another lot of children's sleds and sleighs. Get one before they are all sold.

The Prince of All. A busy scene for the last three days has been the clothing headquarters of the "Prince of Advertisers—commonly called 'Harris, the Clothier.' The immense advertisement in to-day's issue will tell the tale of the turmoil and confusion during the time mentioned. All hands have been busy tacking the immense piles and marking with tell-tale red ink the great cut in prices on which the "square dealer" so knowingly dilates in this issue.

It is useless to dilate upon the subject matter of the "appeal—it talks for itself. Pluck and price should reduce a stock though it was ten times as large as Brother Harris'. We know he has the pluck, and he public will have to see for itself if the price is reasonable. We bespeak for him the indulgence he so distressingly appeals for, and hope the wail will not be unheard.

Palace dining and sleeping cars, free tourist route selected by Mr. Harlowe can be improved upon for a few miles north, let the work be done and all information pertaining thereto be forwarded to the Northern Pacific headquarters.

Buy your Christmas slippers at Fred Gamber's, the largest and best selected stock in town.

An endless variety of plush and leather toilet and manure sets at The Bee Hive.

HELLO, THERE! SPOKANE! Talking Over the Wires for a Distance of 400 Miles.

Yesterday the Rocky Mountain Telephone company made connection with Spokane Falls, and a number of Helena people availed themselves of the opportunity to talk with the Spokanites. The distance is about 400 miles and the wire passes over two ranges of mountains. At this end of the line it was easy to distinguish every word, but at the other end there was some complaint of not being able to hear distinctly. Under favorable circumstances audible sounds have been transmitted from Boston to New York, a distance of 500 miles. But from Spokane to Helena is 700 miles, recorded in the western country.

NOTARY SEALS—New ones made and old ones changed. C. E. Kemp, Helena, Mont.

Catholic and Episcopal prayer and hymns in fine bindings at Calkins & Feathery's.

Mauder Chess Set. There is now on exhibition at the Journal Publishing company's store one of the most unique and beautiful pieces of workmanship the people of Helena have had an opportunity to see. It is the pure ivory Mauder chess set, which was awarded a gold medal for excellence of workmanship at the Paris exposition, and was appraised at two thousand francs (\$400) by the committee awarding the prize. It is to be sold with the condition that it is not to be removed from the store until December 24, until which time it may be inspected by everyone.

Twenty-five per cent. discount on all suits and troupings for thirty days only at John R. Johnson's.

Don Davenport Coal Company, sole agents for Cinnabar cooking coal.

If you want anything in the line of toys, don't fail to call on Calkins & Feathery's. They have a complete line.

## Mining Notes.

A telegram was received from New York yesterday stating that the money to pay for the great Minah silver property at Wickes has been received from London and is now in a bank at New York, subject to the order of the late owners of the property, J. O. Brisco and James Sites.

A fine body of shipping ore has been lately encountered in the Sally Belle mine, situated on the east side of Red Mountain. The ore is transported by wagon to Rimini, thence by rail to the smelter. The property is owned by Helena men.

## HELENA IN BRIEF.

If you want a cheap stove Go to Sturrock & Brown's. Dinner from 12 to 5 at the Bon Ton. G. W. Jackson, music dealer, Bailey building, Main street.

James W. Barker, merchant tailor, Main street, opposite First National bank. Now is the time to buy your stoves. Sturrock & Brown are offering them at bottom prices.

Remember that the cheap stove and tinware sale at Sturrock & Brown's will last only until Jan. 1.

Herbert Nicholson & Co. deliver hay, grain and cordwood to any part of the city in any quantity. Warehouse and office opposite Northern Pacific freight depot. Telephone 265.

Go east via the Montana Central and Manitoba railways, the new sleeping and dining car route to St. Paul and the east. Through trains leave Helena daily at 11:35 a. m.

CANNON AS A CARD PLAYER. A Brilliant Prosecutor and a Hard Man to Beat at Poker.

A recent Washington letter to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat has the following: The best tale of poker thus far unfolded at this session of congress was brought to Washington by a returning member from Kansas. The congressman got it from Judge John McLane, a hale old gentleman, now a resident of Wichita, but formerly of Springfield, Ill., where he knew at the bar Abraham Lincoln, Lyman Trumbull, David Davis, Ward Lamon, Gen. Edward Baker, Oliver Davis, and all of the old-timers. The Judge was prompted to tell the reminiscence by reading in the newspapers about the prominence attained by Representative Cannon in the speakership contest.

"I knew Joe," the old judge said, "when he was a poor saddle-bags lawyer in Illinois, struggling with poverty and the luck to make an honest living. He was one of the cleverest men I ever knew. Two qualities insured his success—his honesty and his energy. The older members of the bar in the circuit took a fancy to Joe, and used to put opportunities in his way. His first big stroke of luck was his election as prosecuting attorney of a judicial district. The law in Illinois at that time was very severe on card playing, and public sentiment demanded its enforcement. Joe's income depended upon the number of convictions he secured. There is where his energy did him good service. The name of Joe Cannon soon stood for the severest prosecutor the district had ever known."

"On one occasion we were all attending court in a distant county. David Davis was on the bench and Joe Cannon was prosecuting. The weather was cold and the tavern accommodations were not the best. Judge Davis had the pick of the rooms and Saturday evening we gathered as self-invited guests about the judge's fire. Court was to open on Monday. We had nothing to do but to kill time. Cannon, Ward Lamon, Dan Voorhees, Oliver Davis, Ed. Baker, Lyman Trumbull, and a law student named Mann were some who were present. It wasn't long until the table was surrounded and the cards were being dealt. The game was interesting. We didn't stop until the bell rang for breakfast Sunday morning. Sunday was a day of rest, but as soon as we had had supper we started in again and played until daylight Monday morning. When court opened the judge asked the sheriff if he had secured a grand jury. The names were called. Mann, the law student, was among them. The judge looked down the row and selected Mann as the foreman. We were paralyzed. Ward Lamon leaned over to Dan Voorhees and whispered: "Great Caesar! What did the judge mean? Has he forgotten that Mann was with us last night?"

"We tried to get the judge's eye and to convey our protests against the selection of Mann. The judge merely said: 'I saw what we were driving at. Our suggestions that another and an older man be chosen fell unheeded. Finally Joe Cannon, seeing that the judge was going desperate, went up to the bench and whispered: "Judge," said he, "do you remember where we were last night and what we were doing?"

"Oh, yes," said the judge smiling, "we were in my room having a social game." "Judge," continued Mr. Cannon, "the young man you have selected for foreman was there also."

"The judge looked sharply at Mann and then asked Joe: "Is he the young fellow that raised me out of \$50?" "The very same fellow," said Joe. "Ah," said the judge, "that changes the situation."

"Then turning to the grand jury, he said in a loud tone and with greater dignity: "Mr. Mann, you can stand aside for this term of court."

"The judge proceeded to charge the jury, and dwell especially upon the injurious effects of card playing. That night we all met in the judge's room. The day had been a dull one to all of us except Cannon. At a previous term he had got fifty indictments against the town people for card playing. Most of them had come into court on the opening day, pleaded guilty, and paid their fines, which in each case included \$5 for Prosecutor Cannon. We knew all about it, and we entered into quiet snatches of conversation to empty Joe's pockets. Somehow the luck was against our scheme. One after another dropped out of the game, until at 2 o'clock the only man at the table was Joe Cannon and Oliver Davis. A cousin of the judge. The rest of us sat around ready to back Oliver with the moral influence of our presence. Occasionally Judge Davis would glance at Oliver's hand and say: "Play him, Oliver, for all the game is worth. I've got the money when you run out."

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having paid for this, the same lady and gentleman were admiring a diamond studded watch and some other articles. "But we cannot possibly buy them," they explained; "we can't spare the money." The jeweler was irresistible. "Just take them home with you," he said, "and pay me in six months, a year, longer if necessary; you can have anything in the shop. Yet all he knew about the travelers was their names and their hotel. When asked to explain, the jeweler said he had sold thousands of dollars' worth of goods to traveling Americans on credit and had never lost a dollar yet.

It appears that this is no unusual case, and that Americans are trusted for almost any amount in many of the large cities of Europe. In England and Germany, and to some extent in France, the large tradesmen usually have settlements with their customers once a year. Some day, however, one of those overcautious European shopmen will credit the wrong Yankee, and after that there will be a changed manner—a friggity of heart, as it were, toward Americans—on the part of foreigners.

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AT BABCOCK'S

SUMMONS—IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF the First Judicial District of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Lewis and Clarke.

The people of the territory of Montana send greeting to the above named defendant.

You are hereby notified that an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff in the district court of the first judicial district of the territory of Montana, in and for the county of Lewis and Clarke, and to answer the complaint filed therein, within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this summons, if served within this county, or, if served out of this county, but in this district, within twenty days, otherwise within forty days, or judgment by default will be taken against you, according to the prayer of said complaint. The said action is brought to recover a judgment against you, the said defendant, in favor of the said plaintiff in the sum of four hundred and twenty and 40/100 dollars, alleged to be the amount of principal of a certain promissory note, made and executed by you, the said defendant, to Edward W. Knight, cashier, and bearing date upon the 19th day of August, A. D. 1888, due ninety (90) days after date said note bears, for the sum of four hundred and twenty and 40/100 dollars with interest thereon at the rate of one per cent per month after maturity said paid, as fully set forth in plaintiff's complaint herein.

And you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint, as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgment for the sum demanded in said complaint, together with costs of suit as demanded in plaintiff's complaint herein.

(Given under my hand and the seal of the district court of the first judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Lewis and Clarke, this twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.)

W. F. PARKER, Clerk.

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H. J. Herin and J. C. McDowell, copartners under the firm and style of Herin & Company, plaintiff, vs. John Johns, defendant.

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And you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint, as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgment for the sum demanded in said complaint, together with costs of suit as demanded in plaintiff's complaint herein.

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